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DRAFT Meeting Notes

CMAP LAND USE WORKING COMMITTEE

November 14, 2007

Committee Members Present:

Alan Bennett, Roger Dahlstrom, Mike Davidson, David Dubois, Jim LaBelle, Ed Paesel (Vice Chair), James Peters, Lee Crandell (for Heather Smith), John Paige (for Karen Stonehouse), Norm West.

Committee Members Absent:

Mark Avery (Chair), Sam Assefa, Judy Beck, Keith Eichorst, David Galowich, Ken Johnson, Leanne Redden, Mark Ruby, Kai Tarum, Jackie Tredup, Nancy Williamson.

Staff present:

Erin Aleman, Janet Bright, Kristin Heery, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Stephen Ostrander, Ylda Pineyro, Paul Reise

Others:

Tam Kutzmark, DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference; Michael Klemens, Will County Governmental League; Dennis Sandquist, Lake County; Jerry Conrad, Cambridge Homes

Call to Order

Ed Paesel, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. (Committee Chair Mark Avery was not able to attend due to DuPage County managerial obligations.)

Approval of Meeting Notes

The meetings notes of October 14, 2007 were approved on a motion from Alan Bennett, seconded by David Dubois.

Legislative Update

Senate Bill 1201 is now law. The Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund has been established but no money has been deposited in this account from the state.

Senate Bill 572 is the bill that everyone is continuing to support as the solution to fix our transportation problems. Hopefully this will be worked out in the next 7-10 days. Mayor Daley has been invited to the table.

Committee Member Overview:

Jim Peters, Director of Planning, Landmarks Illinois

The origins of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, now simply "Landmarks Illinois," goes back to a fight over the demolition of the Chicago Stock Exchange building at Columbus and Monroe. Funding for the organization comes from its membership (over 2500 members in Illinois), fundraising events, and foundation grants. The organization receives no government money.

Landmarks Illinois produces the statewide "10 most endangered list" and a Chicago "watch" list of 10-15 items (such as the Lakeshore Athletic Club, Viking Ship in Geneva, and the Gunners Mate School at the Great Lakes Naval Base). Past preservation successes have included the Cook County Hospital, Zook House and Studio, Metropolitan Community Church, South Water Market, and Farnsworth House in Plano, which is owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and operated by Landmarks Illinois. Landmarks Illinois has also achieved recognition for work with the Coonley House in Riverside, Medinah Temple (Bloomington) Chicago, and Gifford Park Association in Elgin.

In the area of policy, Landmarks Illinois has convened a legislative caucus of preservation-minded members that currently has 83 members. They are currently focusing on barn preservation.

In the area of protection, Landmarks Illinois has assisted with over 400 preservation easements statewide and multiple Landmarks Commissions. They also contribute to statewide survey (HAARGIS), local surveys, county surveys, and are currently engaged in a survey of architecture post-1935.

More information on Landmarks Illinois is available at www.landmarks.org.

Developments of Regional Importance

Ty Warner relayed the summary he received from Mark Avery, who serves on the newly formed DRI Subcommittee. This small committee has met to hammer out some of the details of what a DRI is or should be. The committee has found that there is more discussion needed

before they expand the discussion to a larger group and come back to the CMAP Board. Some of the issues at hand are what types of triggers will there be to indicate a DRI, the flexibility of the triggers as they relate to the specific locality and how many projects might be feasible to consider. Chairman Avery is committed to keeping the Committee informed of the DRI Subcommittee's progress.

Committee members discussed making sure that these projects were set within some type of context, such as the Regional Comprehensive Plan. However, with the RCP underway simultaneously with determining what a DRI is, this is tricky. Members also discussed the distinction between functional and geographical impacts as being important to developing triggers. The process needs to be efficient and transparent.

Campaign for Sensible Growth Transitioning

Mike Davidson communicated to the Committee that after nine years the Campaign for Sensible Growth is dissolving. There are several reasons why this is happening: first, as is happening with similar other campaigns and efforts across the country, finding funding for general operations as opposed to special activities has been difficult. Most importantly, however, the Campaign for Sensible Growth has achieved its goals. The Campaign established a sense of urgency, gained broad-based consensus and built awareness, and CMAP now exists. Pieces of the Campaign will be transferred to the Metropolitan Planning Council and CMAP. The Campaign for Sensible Growth will exist through the end of 2007.

Those on the Committee involved with the Campaign understood the decision but also emphasized the great value the Campaign for Sensible Growth brought to establishing the regional planning agenda.

Committee Charge

As the Chair was unavailable to provide a revised draft, this agenda item was postponed.

Regional Comprehensive Plan: Vision Development

Similar to the working session at the October meeting, the Committee worked on fleshing out more of the vision statements from the Visioning Event that was held in the fall, working on the theme of Coordinated Planning and Government.

Next Meeting

There was broad consensus not to hold a meeting in December. The next Land Use Committee meeting will be January 16th, 2008 at 9am.

Wrap-up

With no other business or additional public comment, Paesel adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. (Motion by Bennett, seconded by John Paige.)

Meeting Notes compiled by Erin Aleman and submitted by Tyson Warner, Staff Liaison to the Land Use Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyson Warner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.